

COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 5 - STRATEGY 2:
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	INDICATOR	DESCRIPTION
GOOD HEALTH	1. Newborns with low birth weight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low birth weight is defined as being less than 2500 grams, or about 5.5 pounds • Low birth weight is a strong indicator of infant health risk, mortality, morbidity, and disability • Source: Department of Health Services (DHS)
	2. Individuals with health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health insurance is determined by enrollment status, presented for children (age 0-17), and adults (18+) and broken out for MediCal and Healthy Families • Health insurance coverage is an important determinant of access to health care needed to maintain health or treat problems • Source: DHS LA Health Survey (1997, 1999)
	3. Children adequately immunized by age 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures the number of children who have received vaccines to protect against certain vaccine-preventable diseases • Adequate immunization protects children against several diseases that can kill or disable • The standards for “adequate” immunizations are defined by the State Department of Health • Source: DHS Immunization Program
	4. Elderly adults vaccinated against the flu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures number of elderly adults (age 65+) who received a flu vaccination in the past year • A flu vaccination can serve to prevent illness or reduce mortality rates of individuals (age 65+) • Source: DHS Los Angeles Health Survey

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SAFETY & SURVIVAL	5. Calls to hotline resulting in open child abuse and neglect cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The data is based on child abuse and neglect calls to DCFS hotline which result in a formal case being opened • Provides an estimate of the number of children who have been harmed or neglected in Los Angeles County • Based on founded incidents, from both voluntary and non-voluntary (court-ordered) referrals • Source: Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
	6. Felony arrests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felony arrest data includes violent offenses, property crimes, and drug offenses • Data is based on the number of arrests, not the number of individual offenders or convictions • Data presented for juveniles (10-17) and adults (18+) per 1,000 population by age group • The rate of felony arrests can have an effect on actual and perceived levels of community security • Source: CA Department of Justice
	7. Deaths as a result of accident or assault	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data presented for children (age 0-17) and adults (age 18+) • Deaths as a result of accident or assault (including child abuse/neglect) are important indicators of overall mortality and diminished quality of life • Source: DHS
	8. Domestic violence-related calls for assistance and arrests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes two measures: calls for assistance involving domestic violence to law enforcement agencies and arrests for spousal abuse (violation of Penal Code Section 273.5) • Data presented for children (age 10-17), adults (age 18-65), and elderly (65+) • Numbers will be compared to get a better understanding of the distribution and intensity of the problem in Los Angeles County • Source: CA Department of Justice

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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING	9. Children living in poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies 3 categories of data for children living in poverty: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Poor children (<100% Federal Poverty Threshold) Near poor children (<133% Federal Poverty Threshold) Low income children (<200% Federal Poverty Threshold) Source: DHS
	10. Family income used for housing costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies the amount of family housing costs relative to family income Indicates the economic burden of housing costs for families in Los Angeles County Source: U.S. Census Bureau
	11. Adult unemployment rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment data includes those individuals who are not working but are able, available, and actively looking for work Adult unemployment describes the status of the County's labor market, a proxy indication of the economic burden on children and families Source: CA Employment Development Department (EDD)
	12. Adults receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures the number of eligible families who use the EITC, a Federal tax credit for income-eligible working poor families Source: U.S. Department of Treasury
	13. Demand for publicly subsidized child care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures the number of eligible children on waiting list for publicly subsidized child care as compared to the total estimated number of available publicly subsidized child care slots Assesses the demand for subsidized child care in Los Angeles County Source: Chief Administrative Office (CAO), Service Integration Branch (SIB), Office of Child Care

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EMOTIONAL & SOCIAL WELL-BEING	14. Children placed in out-of-home care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures the number of children who are in out-of-home placements within DCFS, Department of Mental Health (DMH), and Probation Department Identifies dependent, delinquent, and/or emotionally disturbed children for whom the County is serving as the legal parent Source: Los Angeles County Child Protective Service, Probation Department, DCFS, and DMH
	15. Registered voters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicator to include data for young adults (ages 18-24) and adults (25+) Measures civic participation of young adults and adults in Los Angeles County Source: CAO, SIB, Urban Research Division
	16. Child and young adult library books checked out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measured by book circulation of all public libraries in Los Angeles County Proxy measure for child and young adult access to books in Los Angeles County Source: Survey by County of Los Angeles Public Library
	17. Teen births	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teen live birth rates are per 1,000, age 10-17, both initial births and repeat births to teens will be tracked Bearing a child during adolescence is often associated with long-term difficulties for the mother, her child, and society Source: DHS

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EDUCATION & WORKFORCE READINESS	18. Educational attainment of high school diploma or GED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicator to include data on young adults, age 18-24 Indicates educational status of young adults who attain basic education and skills Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
	19. Mother's educational attainment at children's birth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A mother's educational attainment can be a strong predictor of a child's success in school Source: DHS birth records
	20. Public school students reading at appropriate level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The appropriate reading level is defined as scoring at or above the national 50th percentile rank Measures children's literacy levels, indicates whether students are reading at an appropriate level in the 3rd grade and 9th grade Source: CA Department of Education website
	21. Young adults in school or employed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data presented for young adults, age 18-24 Attempts to capture a key transition stage in the lives of young adults by assessing how many young adults are on a career and/or education path Source: DHS Los Angeles Health Survey